CONSTITUTION

OF THE

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON

AND

MIDLAND DISTRICT OF CANADA,

WITH

A LIST OF ITS OFFICERS.

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LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON AND MIDLAND DISTRICT OF CANADA.

President, - - -	The Hon. John Hamilton.
First Vice President, -	J. A. McDonald, Esq.
Second do. do. - -	F. A. Harper, Esq.
Treasurer, - - -	R. M. Rose, Esq.
Secretary, - - - -	William Gunn, Esq.
Assistant Secretary, - -	Mr. Donald Urquhart.
Chaplains, - - -	
Physicians, - - -	John McIntosh, R. A.
	Thos. Stratton, R. N.
	James McFarlane, Esq.
Committee of Management,	Mr. Francis Henderson.
	Mr. Hugh Fraser.
	Mr. Roderick Ross.
	Mr. William McIntosh.
	Mr. Henry Sharp,
	Mr. James Graham.
	Mr. Robert Mathews.
	Mr. Hugh Calder.
Committeee of Accounts and Instalment,	Mr. John Roy.
	Mr. Thomas Drummond.
	Mr. D. Christie.
	Mr. R. H. Rae.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Society shall be, the "ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON AND MIDLAND DISTRICT OF CANADA," and shall have a common Seal, with its name engraved thereon, around the Arms of Scotland, and the National Motto "*Nemo me impune lacessit.*"

ARTICLE II.

Of the Resident Members.

Scotchmen, and the Children, Grand Children, and great Grand Children, of Natives of Scotland, shall be admitted as resident Members of the Society, all resident Members to be considered as natives of Scotland.

When any person is to be proposed for admission as a resident Member, the Member proposing shall give to the Secretary at a meeting of the Society, a written notification thereof, mentioning the name of the Candidate, his occupation, and the place of his nativity, according to the form in the Appendix, which notification shall be read, and at the next meeting he may be elected. The election shall be by ballot, and the consent of three-fourths of the Members present shall be necessary to the admission of a candidate.—None but resident Members shall be entitled to vote in the elections, or other business of the Society, and none shall be considered as resident Members until they shall have paid the fee of admission, and subscribed the Constitution.

ARTICLE III.

Of Honorary Members.

Natives of Scotland, or children, and grand-children, of Natives of Scotland, or of resident Members, and who may

be strangers to the City, may be proposed and ballotted for as Honorary Members, on the same evening, and they as well as the Resident Members shall be entitled to a certificate of their admission authenticated with the Seal of the Society, and signed by the President and Secretary. None shall be admitted as Honorary Members who reside in the Midland District.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Officers of the Society.

A President, two Vice Presidents, nine Managers, two Chaplains, two Physicians, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary, shall be chosen annually from among the Resident Members at the Preparatory Meeting, hereafter mentioned, who shall be installed, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices, on the Festival of St. Andrew next ensuing; the election shall be by ballot, and a plurality of votes shall decide. The President shall be first chosen and duly announced to the meeting, and afterwards the rest of the Officers, shall be ballotted for by their respective offices separately. The Officers of the same description shall rank according to plurality of votes.

ARTICLE V.

Of the stated Meetings of the Society.

The Society shall hold four quarterly meetings every year, viz:—on the second Thursday in February, May, August and November, the last of which shall be called,—"the Meeting preparatory to the Anniversary Assembly." The President, or in his absence the Officer highest in rank who may be present, shall appoint the place of meeting, and the Secretary shall at his desire, give due notice thereof to the Resident Members, and thirteen thereof shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. At all meetings the names of the Members present shall be recorded.

ARTICLE VI.

Of Special Meetings of the Society.

The President, or in his absence the Officer highest in rank who may be in the Town, shall, when any emergency

occurs, which, in his opinion may render it expedient, or upon application made for that purpose by the Board of Managers before mentioned, call a special Meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall give due notice to the Resident Members, eleven of whom shall be required to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings shall be competent to the transaction of any business that may come before them, except when it is otherwise prescribed in this Constitution, but the consent of two-thirds of the Members present shall be necessary to constitute a vote, and the yeas and nays on each question shall be recorded.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Anniversary Assembly.

As the benevolent views of the Society will be greaty promoted by a social intercourse among the members, the Society shall hold an Anniversary Assembly, and such members as may be thereunto disposed, shall dine together on St. Andrew's Day ; and the Members shall on that day appear with a St. Andrew's Cross, or a Thistle, displayed on the left breast. When St. Andrew's Day happens on a Sunday, the first day of December shall be observed as the Festival.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of the Duty of the President.

The President shall when he is present preside in all meetings of the Society, preserve order, put the question, and declare the decision. He shall call a special meeting of the Society when he shall judge it proper, or when applied to for that purpose by the Board of Managers before mentioned, and he shall appoint the place of all Meetings. He shall likewise sign all orders on the Treasurer from the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IX.

Of the Duty of the Vice Presidents.

The duties specified in the foregoing Article shall, in the absence of the President, devolve on the First Vice President, and in the absence of both, on the Second Vice President, only that in regard to signing orders on the Treasurer, each shall have equal powers with the President.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Duty of the Managers.

The Managers shall constitute a Board for dispensing the Society's bounty, agreeably to the regulations and restrictions prescribed in this Constitution or by the Laws and Resolves of the Society, and for this purpose they shall meet, at least, once a month, and four shall be necessary to form a quorum. At their meetings they shall only decide on the application of claimants, and if a majority of those present consent to grant relief, they shall recommend them to the President, and Vice Presidents, either of whom is authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the sum specified in the recommendation of the Managers.—Provided that no more than two pounds be given to any one head of a family in one year, unless it be otherwise determined at a meeting of the Society, and provided also, that the whole sum thus dispensed by the Managers and by the Society in one year, does not exceed the revenue of the Society for that year, unless it be done agreeably to the mode specified in the eighteenth Article. And none shall be objects of the Society's bounty, but such resident members thereof as may become indigent, and poor natives of Scotland, and children and grand children of natives of Scotland, or of resident members of the Society, unless it shall be otherwise determined at a Meeting of the Society. The Managers shall likewise recommend to the attention of the Chaplains and Physicians, such persons as they suppose might be benefitted by their assistance. At all meetings of the Society, they shall, under the direction of the presiding officer, preserve order and decorum, regulate the ceremonial, and attend to the collection and payment of the expenses, and jointly or severally, pay attention to Emigrants from Scotland, to enquire into their treatment during the passage, and into their circumstances and views, to assist them with their advice, and to recommend such of them as they may think proper, to the President or Vice Presidents for pecuniary relief. They shall likewise execute such business as may, from time to time, be committed to them by any Law or Resolve of the Society. They shall meet as often as the nature of their duties may require, and shall make report of their proceedings to the Society.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Duty of the Chaplains.

It shall be the duty of the Chaplains to perform the religious duties customary at the Meetings of the Society, by their counsel and advice, to promote harmony and good will among the members, and to visit such sick and distressed persons as may be recommended to their attention by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Duty of the Physicians.

It shall be the duty of the Physicians to give their advice and assistance to such sick or maimed persons as may be recommended to their care by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of the Duty of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the money and other property of the Society. He shall keep regular accounts of his receipts and expenditures, in suitable books provided for that purpose. He shall, at each Quarterly Meeting, present an abstract of his accounts, stating the sum received and expended since the previous meeting, and likewise the whole amount received and expended since the previous Anniversary Festival, and specifying the Cash in hand, and what may become due before next meeting, that the Society may, if they think proper, take order for the disposition thereof. He shall enter on his books each sum paid by him in consequence of the recommendation of the Board of Managers, the name of the President, or Vice President who signed the order, and the name of the person to whom the money was paid.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of the Duty of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall have the custody of all the records and journals of the Society, and shall make a regular entry of all the proceedings at each meeting. He shall keep a list of the members of the Society, and an account of the fees

and dues that accrue, shall collect the same, and take receipts when he makes payment to the Treasurer. He shall summon the resident members to all meetings directed in this Constitution, or called by the presiding officer. He shall, on the order of the Society, erase from the list of members, the names of all such persons, as by the terms of this Constitution, shall have forfeited their title to membership, making a report thereof at the next meeting. He shall appoint a messenger to the Society, for delivering notifications of the time and place of meetings, a suitable person for collecting dues, under his direction, for whose fidelity he shall be responsible. He shall also have the custody of the Seal and the Badges of the Society.

ARTICLE XV.

Of the Death, Resignation, or Removal of Officers.

In case of the death, resignation or removal of any of the Officers during the year for which they were elected, the Society shall, at the next meeting, choose others in their room, to serve for the remaining part of the year.

ARTICLE XVI.

Of the Committee of Accounts, and the Committee of Instalment.

A Committee of Accounts, consisting of three Members not being Officers, shall be appointed annually at the Preparatory Meeting, whose duty it shall be to examine the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and to make report to the Society on St. Andrew's Day ensuing. At the same Meeting, a Committee of two members shall be appointed, who shall, on the Anniversary Festival, present and instal the Officers elected for the ensuing year.—These Committees, and all Special Committees, shall be nominated by the presiding Officer, and appointed by vote of the Society.

ARTICLE XVII.

Of the Funds of the Society.

The Funds of the Society shall be improved to the best advantage; therefore if at any time there should be more

money in the hands of the Treasurer than the exigencies of the poor require, the same shall be loaned out at interest, or otherwise disposed of, as may be determined on by the Board of Managers, with the concurrence of the President and Vice President.—It shall not be competent for any Meeting to direct the disposition or appropriation of any part of the Society's Stock previously loaned out, or vested in public securities, or in real property, unless the Presidents, and at least one fourth of the resident members be present.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Of the Fees and Dues to be paid to the Society.

Resident Members shall upon their election and subscribing the Constitution, be liable for payment of One Pound as the fee of admission, one half of which payable on St. Andrew's day next, and the other on 1st June, 1841, and shall contribute Ten Shillings annually to be paid on or before St. Andrew's day in each and every succeeding year, and Honorary Members shall on their election, pay a sum of not less than One Pound Five Shillings.

ARTICLE XIX.

Of Life Members.

On the payment by any Member of a sum not less than Five Pounds, the same shall be accepted in lieu of any further subscription or contribution, and the sum thus paid, as well as any donation to the Society, or any payment from an Honorary Member (as far as the same shall exceed the sum of One Pound Five Shillings) shall be invested in some permanent fund, the interest only of which shall be placed among the distributable funds of the Society.

ARTICLE XX.

Of Delinquency in Paying Dues.

All the Members of the Society shall, within one month after their admission, subscribe the Constitution, otherwise they shall be considered as having forfeited their title to

membership, and in future, if any member, unless he be in indigent circumstances, of which the Society shall judge, shall refuse or neglect to pay his dues for one year after they have accrued, provided he has been called upon by the Secretary or Collector, he shall be considered as having withdrawn himself from the Society, and the Secretary shall erase his name from the list of members.

ARTICLE XXI.

Of Members absent from the Town.

Any Member being absent more than a year at one time, may if he think fit, decline paying his subscription for the time he has been absent; and on his stating in writing to the Treasurer the time of his absence, the charge standing against him in the Treasurer's Books shall be annulled.

ARTICLE XXII.

Of Resident Members who remove out of the District.

Resident Members who remove out of the District may upon application have their names transferred from the list of Resident to that of Honorary Members, and shall not afterwards be considered as Resident Members unless proposed and elected as in the first instance; but such persons if re-elected, shall not be subject to the payment of the admission fee, and in like manner when Honorary Members come to reside within the limits of the District, and may desire to become Resident Members, they shall be admitted without being subject to the payment of the admission fee.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Of the Order to be observed in Meetings.

At each meeting of the Society, after the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the minutes of the previous Meeting shall be read by the Secretary. Decency and good order shall be observed by all the Members, and whoever offends in this respect shall be liable to be reprimanded by the Presiding Officer.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Of Obedience to the Rules of the Society.

The Members of this Society shall faithfully observe and conform to all the rules and regulations that shall be made by the Society, and entered in the Books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it, and having their names erased from the list of Members.

ARTICLE XXV.

Of the Expulsion of Members.

If two thirds of the Members present at any General Meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a Member, his name shall be erased, and he shall never afterwards be admitted to attend any Meeting of the Society, unless again elected by Ballot as in the first instance.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Of the mode of altering the Constitution.

The Constitution shall not be altered except at a Preparatory Meeting, at which the President or one of the Vice Presidents and not less than one half of the Resident Members are present, the consent of three fourths of whom shall be necessary to ratify an amendment, and all proposed amendments shall be submitted to the consideration of the Society at the previous Meeting.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Mode of calling a Meeting.

That a Requisition made by thirteen Members not in office be sufficient authority for the President, or in his absence, any of the Vice Presidents to call a General Meeting for special business.

APPENDIX.

FORM TO BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION.

I, [James Wilson,] of [Kingston, Carpenter,] a native of [Lanark,] in the County of [Lanark,] or [the son of Robert Wilson of Kingston, a native of Beith, in the County of Ayr, Mason,] declare that I am desirous of becoming a Member of the St. Andrew's Society of Kingston and Midland District of Canada, and if elected, I will abide by and obey all the rules and regulations of the Society.

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